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AMCONSUL TORONTO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PREMIER DAVIS' REMARKS ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY
RE: TORONTO 1168

1. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, CONGEN TORONTO IS REQUESTED TO ASK DAVIS' OFFICE FOR A FULL TEXT OF PREMIERS' REMARKS REGARDING ALLEGED U.S. FAILURE TO CLEAN UP THE GREAT LAKES. IN MAKING SUCH A REQUEST, THE CONGEN IS TO INDICATE USG CONCERN AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE WILL WISH TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH DAVIS, SHOULD HIS REMARKS TURN OUT TO BE AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

2. OTTAWA IS REQUESTED TO INFORM EXTAF (BRADY) OF OUR CONCERN.

3. FYI: DAVIS' REMARKS, WHILE REFLECTING CANADIAN FEELING GENERALLY AND WHILE POSSIBLY MOTIVATED BY THE FORTHCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION, ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FACTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS MOUNTED THE MOST MASSIVE PUBLIC
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WORKS PROJECT IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY, SPENDING OR OBLIGATING OVER 5 BILLION DOLLARS, IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAN UP AND MAINTAIN THE WATER QUALITY OF THE GREAT LAKES. FOR ITS PART, CANADA LAGS BEHIND THE UNITED STATES IN THE IMPOSITION OF ENFORCEABLE STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES AND IN

ITS RESTRICTIVE DEFINITION OF THE AREA COVERED BY THE GLWQA.

CANADA CONTENTS THAT ONLY DISCHARGES DIRECTLY INTO THE LAKES ARE COVERED BY THE GLWQA AND THAT DISCHARGES INTO RIVERS WHICH DRAIN INTO THE GREAT LAKES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. WE INTEND TO RAISE THESE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH THE GOC DURING THE PRESENT FIFTH-YEAR REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT. OUR INITIAL THINKING, ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY AND CONGEN COMMENT, IS TO RESPOND IN A DIRECT DEMARCHE TO DAVIS COVERING THIS GROUND IN A GENERAL WAY AND WELCOMING ONTARIO'S CONCERN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKES AND ELICITING ONTARIO'S SUPPORT FOR OUR COMBINED EFFORTS WITH OTTAWA TO UPDATE AND STRENGTHEN THE GLWQA. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, ADVISE EXTAFF THAT WE WERE CLARIFYING THE RECORD WITH DAVIS. CHRISTOPHER

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